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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TAMURA et al.

Art Unit: 1764

Application No.: 09/647,930

Examiner: Manoharan, Virginia

Filed: October 16, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107183-00003

For: DISTILLATION APPARATUS AND DISTILLATION METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 16, 2002

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Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated **September 27, 2002**, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Claims 1-19 of Group I drawn to a distillation apparatus.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims. This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any

fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account
No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 107183-00003.

Respectfully submitted,



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